b) evacuating the inside of the airtight vessel through the evacuation tube while simultaneously baking the entire airtight vessel,

c) activating a getter disposed in the airtight vessel; and

d) after initiating the evacuation step, in a condition where the getter is activated, continuing the evacuation step and sealing the evacuation tube by heating the evacuation tube.

2. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel according to Claim 1, wherein the evacuation tube is heated simultaneously with the heating step.

4. (Not Further Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel according to Claim 2, wherein the evacuation step is executed simultaneously with at least one of the getter activation step, the heating step and the baking step.

5. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel according to Claim 4, wherein the evacuation step is executed simultaneously with at least the getter activation step along with being executed while the vessel is heated.

6. (Not Further Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel according to Claim 2, wherein the evacuation step is executed prior to the getter activation step.

7. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel according to Claim 6, wherein the evacuation step is executed while the vessel is heated.

8. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel according to Claim 1, wherein the getter is a nonevaporable getter.

9. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel according to Claim 8, further comprising the step of reactivating the nonevaporable getter after the baking step.

10. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel according to Claim 8, further comprising a getter flash step of activating an evaporable getter after the baking step.

11. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of degassing the evaporable getter by heating the evaporable getter prior to the getter flash step.

12. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel according to Claim 11, wherein the degassing step is executed prior to the baking step.

13. (Not Further Amended) A method for manufacturing an image-forming apparatus using an airtight vessel containing a plurality of electron emission elements and image-forming members comprising the steps of:

a) fabricating an airtight vessel connected to an evacuation tube;

b) evacuating the inside of the airtight vessel through the evacuation tube while simultaneously baking the entire airtight vessel,

c) activating a getter disposed in the airtight vessel; and

d) after initiating the evacuation step, in a condition where the getter is activated, continuing the evacuation step and sealing the evacuation tube by heating the evacuation tube.

14. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-forming apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the evacuation tube is heated simultaneously with the heating step.

16. (Not Further Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-forming apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the evacuation step is executed simultaneously with at least one of the getter activation step, the heating step and the baking step.

17. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-forming apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the evacuation step is executed simultaneously with at least the getter activation step along with being executed while the vessel is heated.

18. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-forming apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the evacuation step is executed prior to the getter activation step.

19. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-forming apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the evacuation step is executed while the vessel is heated.

20. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-forming apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the getter is a nonevaporable getter.

21. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-forming apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising the step of reactivating the nonevaporable getter after the baking step.

22. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-forming apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising a getter flash step of activating an evaporable getter after the baking step.

23. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-forming apparatus according to Claim 22, further comprising the step of degassing the evaporable getter by heating the evaporable getter prior to the getter flash step.

24. (Not Amended) A method for manufacturing the image-forming apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the degassing step is executed prior to the baking step.

Please add Claims 25 and 26 as follows:

25. (New) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel, comprising the steps of:

a) fabricating an airtight vessel connected to an evacuation tube;

b) evacuating the inside of the airtight vessel through the evacuation tube;

c) activating a non-evaporable getter disposed in the airtight vessel before baking the airtight vessel;

d) baking the entire airtight vessel and sealing the evacuation tube; and

e) after baking the entire airtight vessel, reactivating the non-evaporable getter.

26. (New) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel, comprising the steps of:

a) fabricating an airtight vessel connected to an evacuation tube;

b) evacuating the inside of the airtight vessel through the evacuation tube;

c) baking the entire airtight vessel;

d) degassing an evaporable getter during the baking step;